

**STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW
SOLICITATION FOR LEAD AGENCY STATUS
UNLISTED ACTION**

Pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act) of the Environmental Conservation Law.

Date: August 9, 2013

To: NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Region 9
Hon. Geoffrey M. Szymanski, Mayor, City of Lackawanna
Erie County Legislature —
Erie County Highway Dept.
HUD Buffalo Office- 465 Main Street, Buffalo NY 14203

Name of Action: Former Friendship House Demolition

Location: 264 Ridge Road, Lackawanna, Erie County

Project Number: C617-13-134

Erie County Department of Environment and Planning has identified this project as an Unlisted action for the purpose of SEQR and is not required but has chosen to coordinate the review of involved agencies pursuant to Part 617.6(c).

Any involved or interested agency may submit objections in writing within thirty (30) days of the date of this notification. If no objections are expressed, Erie County Department of Environment and Planning will assume lead agency status for this action and will make a determination of its significance.

The Erie County Department of Environment and Planning has made an initial determination of no significant impact and anticipates issuing a negative declaration if no significant concerns are identified. The EAF Part I, II and III are attached for your review.

Written comments may be submitted to:

Mr. Paul J. D'Orlando, Environmental Review Coordinator
Erie County Department of Environment and Planning
Edward A. Rath County Office Building
95 Franklin Street, Room 1053
Buffalo, NY 14202

before September 9, 2013.

SEQR REFERRAL RESPONSE

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Lead Agency

☐ Erie County Executive should act as lead agency.

☐ _____ should act as lead agency because _____

Please provide input for scoping, reflecting your agency's concerns, permit jurisdictions, and information needs sufficient to making your SEQR findings.

Approval/Permits

_____ (your agency) considers itself an (involved/interested) agency, as per SEQR regulations, for this action. The following approvals and/or permits are necessary:

(Type)

(From)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Comments/Concerns to be addressed in positive or negative declaration. (Please note or attach additional page if needed)

Information Needs (for Involved Agencies)

If a positive declaration is issued, the DEIS should study the following to assist in the making of SEQR findings:

Agency: _____

Responsible official: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please return by: September 9, 2013 to:

Erie County Department of Environment & Planning
95 Franklin Street, Room 1053
Buffalo, New York 14202
Telephone for questions: 858-2194

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Appendix C

State Environmental Quality Review

SHORT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM

For UNLISTED ACTIONS Only

PART I - PROJECT INFORMATION (To be completed by Applicant or Project Sponsor)

1. APPLICANT/SPONSOR Erie County/C. of Lackawanna	2. PROJECT NAME Former Friendship House Demolition
3. PROJECT LOCATION: Municipality City of Lackawanna County Erie	
4. PRECISE LOCATION (Street address and road intersections, prominent landmarks, etc., or provide map) 264 Ridge Road, Lackawanna, NY 14218	
5. PROPOSED ACTION IS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Expansion <input type="checkbox"/> Modification/alteration	
6. DESCRIBE PROJECT BRIEFLY: The project involves the demolition of the approximately 28,000 square foot building, which served as a former youth and community center for over 40 years. The building has been vacant for over 10 years and the condition has deteriorated to the point where rehabilitation is longer a feasible option. The current condition of the building poses a health and safety threat to the community.	
7. AMOUNT OF LAND AFFECTED: Initially <u>1/3</u> acres Ultimately <u>1/3</u> acres	
8. WILL PROPOSED ACTION COMPLY WITH EXISTING ZONING OR OTHER EXISTING LAND USE RESTRICTIONS? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If No, describe briefly	
9. WHAT IS PRESENT LAND USE IN VICINITY OF PROJECT? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Park/Forest/Open Space <input type="checkbox"/> Other Describe: This portion of Ridge Road is located in an older neighborhood that was a commercial business strip and is now 40% vacant property, many of the former commercial buildings have been demolished, remaining businesses are a mix of industrial and commercial, with minor retail mixed in.	
10. DOES ACTION INVOLVE A PERMIT APPROVAL, OR FUNDING, NOW OR ULTIMATELY FROM ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY (FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit/approvals: Local building departmental approval required.	
11. DOES ANY ASPECT OF THE ACTION HAVE A CURRENTLY VALID PERMIT OR APPROVAL? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit/approvals:	
12. AS A RESULT OF PROPOSED ACTION WILL EXISTING PERMIT/APPROVAL REQUIRE MODIFICATION? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE Applicant/sponsor name: <u>Paul J. D'Orlando</u> Date: <u>8/9/2013</u> Signature: <u>[Signature]</u>	

If the action is in the Coastal Area, and you are a state agency, complete the Coastal Assessment Form before proceeding with this assessment

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PART II - IMPACT ASSESSMENT (To be completed by Lead Agency)

A. DOES ACTION EXCEED ANY TYPE I THRESHOLD IN 6 NYCRR, PART 617.47? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, coordinate the review process and use the FULL EAF.
B. WILL ACTION RECEIVE COORDINATED REVIEW AS PROVIDED FOR UNLISTED ACTIONS IN 6 NYCRR, PART 617.67? If No, a negative declaration may be superseded by another involved agency. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
C. COULD ACTION RESULT IN ANY ADVERSE EFFECTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FOLLOWING: (Answers may be handwritten, if legible) C1. Existing air quality, surface or groundwater quality or quantity, noise levels, existing traffic pattern, solid waste production or disposal, potential for erosion, drainage or flooding problems? Explain briefly: Air quality- dust during construction-short term. C2. Aesthetic, agricultural, archaeological, historic, or other natural or cultural resources; or community or neighborhood character? Explain briefly: No adverse effects. Eyesore will be eliminated. C3. Vegetation or fauna, fish, shellfish or wildlife species, significant habitats, or threatened or endangered species? Explain briefly: No adverse effects. Fully developed area. C4. A community's existing plans or goals as officially adopted, or a change in use or intensity of use of land or other natural resources? Explain briefly: No adverse effects. Existing land use will remain. C5. Growth, subsequent development, or related activities likely to be induced by the proposed action? Explain briefly: Fully developed area. C6. Long term, short term, cumulative, or other effects not identified in C1-C5? Explain briefly: None. Other impacts (including changes in use of either quantity or type of energy)? Explain briefly: Removal of neighborhood eyesore will improve the quality of life and safety for residents in the neighborhood.	
D. WILL THE PROJECT HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS THAT CAUSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL AREA (CEA)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, explain briefly:	
E. IS THERE, OR IS THERE LIKELY TO BE, CONTROVERSY RELATED TO POTENTIAL ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, explain briefly:	

PART III - DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE (To be completed by Agency)

INSTRUCTIONS: For each adverse effect identified above, determine whether it is substantial, large, important or otherwise significant. Each effect should be assessed in connection with its (a) setting (i.e. urban or rural); (b) probability of occurring; (c) duration; (d) irreversibility; (e) geographic scope; and (f) magnitude. If necessary, add attachments or reference supporting materials. Ensure that explanations contain sufficient detail to show that all relevant adverse impacts have been identified and adequately addressed. If question D of Part II was checked yes, the determination of significance must evaluate the potential impact of the proposed action on the environmental characteristics of the CEA.

<input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you have identified one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts which MAY occur. Then proceed directly to the FULL EAF and/or prepare a positive declaration.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action WILL NOT result in any significant adverse environmental impacts AND provide, on attachments as necessary, the reasons supporting this determination.	
Erie County	8/9/2013
_____ Name of Lead Agency	_____ Date
Maria R. Whyte	Commissioner, Dept. of Environmental Planning
_____ Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	_____ Title of Responsible Officer
_____ Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	_____ Signature of Preparer (if different from responsible officer)